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SUBJ: DUTCH INQUIRY ON U.S. POSITION ON UN WORLD
CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

1. DUTCH FIRST SECRETARY CALLED ON IO ACTING DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY (BARRY) TO INQUIRE, ON INSTRUCTIONS,
WHAT POSITION U.S. WOULD TAKE ON PARTICIPATION IN UN
CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION NOW
SCHEDULED CONVEY AUGUST 14 IN GENEVA. THIS CONFERENCE IS
A MAJOR ACTIVITY OF UN DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM
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2. BARRY SAID THE U.S. FROM THE OUTSET HAD OPPOSED ANY
LINKAGE OF ZIONISM-RACISM IN UN RESOLUTION 3379 AND HAD
MADE CONSIDERABLE LOBBYING EFFORT AT 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO GET THESE TWO ISSUES SEPARATED. FACT THAT THIS EFFORT
WAS UNSUCCESSFUL NOW MADE IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT U.S. WOULD
PARTICIPATE IN WORLD CONFERENCE. NEVERTHELESS, FINAL U.S.

POSITION COULD BE INFLUENCED BY DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND AUGUST. ONE INDICATOR OF TREND IN HANDLING ZIONISM-RACISM IN DECADE-RELATED ACTIVITIES MAY BE SEEN DURING UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING IN MARCH ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE. U.S. HAS STILL NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING.

3. EMBOFF SAID GON ALSO WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE AND PRESENTLY WAS INCLINED AGAINST PARTICIPATION IN UN WORLD CONFERENCE. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED TO KNOW U.S. POSITION BEFORE MAKING ITS DECISION ON THIS QUESTION. VANCE

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